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ABSTRACT

This training module for inexperienced elementary classroom assistant teachers provides information on what their job consists of, what is occurring in American elementary schools, and possibilities for paraeducators. The 12 chapters are: (1) "Who Are You?"; (2) "Are You Qualified?"; (3) "What Can You Expect?"; (4) "What about Instruction?"; (5) "What Are Professional Relationships? Why Are They Important?"; (6) "Are You Confused about Safety?"; (7) "What Do You Need To Know about Classroom Management and Discipline?"; (8) "What Does the Elementary School Look Like?"; (9) "What Do School Administrators, Principals and Teachers Mean When They Say...? Are You Still Confused?" (whole language, portfolio/portfolio assessment, cooperative learning, learning centers, learning styles, multi-age/multi-level grouping, math standards, hands-on science and social studies, thematic units, and curriculum integration); (10) "Look How Much You Know!"; (11) "Just for the Classroom Teacher!"; and (12) "Reflection Time for You: The Paraeducator in the Elementary School Classroom!" (Contains references.) (SM)

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